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For: Method for Treating Dye Wastewater )

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Dear Sir:

In response to the nonfinal Examiner's Action mailed June 17, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response that expired September 17, 2002, and an extended statutory period for response set to expire October 17, 2002, the above-identified patent application is amended a first time as follows:

**AMENDMENT B**  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.111)

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please re-write the claims as follows:

1. (Once amended) A method for treating wastewater, comprising the steps of:  
providing an ozone system;  
collecting wastewater in a tank;  
transferring the wastewater from the tank to the ozone system;  
oxidizing the wastewater at the ozone system;  
returning the oxidized wastewater to the tank;  
monitoring the amount of oxidation of the wastewater in the tank; and